

How Can I Keep From Singing?

 G C
My life flows on in endless song,
G D7
Above earth's lamentation.
 G C
I hear the real, though far off hymn,
 G D7 G
That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging.

 C G
It sounds an echo in my soul.
 D7 G
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What though the tempest round me roars,
I know the truth, it liveth,
What though the darkness round me close.
Songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of Heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing ?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear
And hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing ?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing ?